



# Suggested method of increasing feeds in the ration for fattening steers of various weights using a corn and high quality alfalfa hay ration\*

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**CORN** – Rolled, Flaked, or Whole – Avoid using ground corn

**ALFALFA HAY** – 17-20% Crude Protein, Long-Stem – Hay should be analyzed to determine nutritional quality

Ration & Weight of steers	Pounds of feed daily per head for first day and at beginning of stated periods									
	First day	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	4 <sup>th</sup> Week	2 <sup>nd</sup> Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Month	4 <sup>th</sup> Month	5 <sup>th</sup> Month	6 <sup>th</sup> Month	7 <sup>th</sup> Month
400 lb steers										
Corn	1-3 lbs	5 lbs	7 lbs	8 lbs	10 lbs	12 lbs	15 lbs	16 lbs	16 lbs	17 lbs
Hay	5 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs	6 lbs
600 lb steers										
Corn	1-4 lbs	6 lbs	8 lbs	10 lbs	14 lbs	16 lbs	20 lbs	20 lbs	21 lbs	
Hay	6 lbs	8 lbs	8 lbs	7 lbs	7 lbs	7 lbs	7 lbs	7 lbs	7 lbs	
800 lb steers										
Corn	1-5 lbs	7 lbs	10 lbs	13 lbs	18 lbs	20 lbs	22 lbs	22 lbs		
Hay	8 lbs	10 lbs	10 lbs	10 lbs	10 lbs	9 lbs	8 lbs	8 lbs		
1000 lb steers										
Corn	1-6 lbs	8 lbs	12 lbs	16 lbs	20 lbs	24 lbs	24 lbs			
Hay	10 lbs	12 lbs	12 lbs	10 lbs	10 lbs	10 lbs	10 lbs			

**Note:** When feeding grain to cattle that have been on a 100% roughage diet, add grain to the diet in slow increments.

Gradually increase grain until above recommendations are met. Rapid changes in diet can cause potentially fatal digestive upsets.

Feed a free choice mineral supplement containing at least 12% Calcium, 8% Phosphorus, and 8% Salt. Vaccinate animals for virals and blackleg (consult a veterinarian).

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